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E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PBOR, BG, BM
SUBJ: BD-BURMA BORDER TALKS END IN AGREEMENT

REF: DACCA 4290

1. ON TUESDAY, BANGLADESH AND BURMA REACHED AGREEMENT ON DEMARCATION OF THE 150 MILE LONG BORDER BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT CAME AFTER A WEEK OF TALKS BETWEEN A SIX-MEMBER BURMESE DELEGATION LED BY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE SURVEY DEPARTMENT U.HLA CYAW AND A BANGLADESHI TEAM UNDER SURVEYOR GENERAL HAFIZUDDIN. DEMARCATION OF THE BORDER WAS ONE OF THE AREAS COVERED BY THE JULY 9 AGREEMENT ON REPATRIATION OF BURMESE REFUGEES (REFTEL).

2. THE BORDER AGREEMENT WAS HAILED BY LAND REFORM AND LAND ADMINISTRATION MINISTER MIRZA GHOLAM HAFIZ, WHO
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ADDRESSED THE TWO DELEGATIONS AFTER THE TALKS ENDED, AS A "HAPPY SIGN OF PEACE BETWEEN OUR TWO PEOPLES". THIS FRIENDLY TONE WAS ECHOED IN A BDG PRESS RELEASE ISSUED AFTER ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE AGREEMENT, WHICH ASSERTED BANGLADESH'S DESIRE TO RESOLVE EXISTING ISSUES WITH BURMA BILATERALLY AND IN AN AMICABLE MANNER. THE BUREMESE DELEGATION LEADER RESPONDED THAT THE BANGLADESHI

SIDE HAD MAINTAINED A SPIRIT OF COOPERATION AND GOODWILL DURING THE TALKS, AND EXPRESSED THE BELIEF THAT FUTURE DISCUSSIONS WOULD BE CARRIED OUT IN A SIMILARLY CORDIAL VEIN.

3. NO DETAILS OF THE AGREEMENT WERE GIVEN IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT, AND WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN ABLE TO ELICIT ANY INFORMATION ON ITS SUBSTANCE FROM THE BDG. THE AGREEMENT IS BEING SUBMITTED TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS FOR APPROVAL BEFORE SIGNING.
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